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embodiment of a non-human mammal comprising cells; Group V - claims 20-23 drawn to the embodiment of a method of testing a compound for biological activity; and Group VI - claims 24-29 drawn to the embodiment of a multimer of HLA-E has been made. Applicants respectfully traverse this requirement, all of the claims relate to the bindings between NK cells and HLA-E.

Group V - claims 20-23 are provisionally elected for prosecution.

Reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-29 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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